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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed 02/15/2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 7, and 9 – 14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 7, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Byren et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,974,061). Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byren et al. in view of Tullock et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,134,258). Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byren et al. in view of Zhang (2002/0105997). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.